

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19988C1

The 2010 Legislature adopted legislation creating the Idaho Immunization Assessment Board. The purpose of the Board is to assess health insurers and entities administering health plans to provide funding for the State to purchase vaccines used to immunize children covered by health plans. The Board is made up representatives for carriers, administrators, businesses, a representative from the Department of Health and Welfare, the Director of the Department of Insurance, a member of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives. The purpose of this proposal is to clarify several areas that were not specifically addressed in the 2010 legislation. The changes will clarify that the Board has authority to consult with experts to assist it in carrying out its functions under the chapter, broaden the types of information that may be provided to the Board by the Department of Health and Welfare for purposes of determining the assessment amount, provide that the assessment will be made annually, clarify how the amount of the annual assessment should be calculated, define which vaccines will be funded by the assessment, clarify that assessment funds may be used to pay for necessary administrative functions under the chapter, and address how any excess funds will be handled.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact.

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